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Janet  
Pfundheller/R5/USEPA/US

To

03/05/2009 08:22 AM

Subject Fw: Pole Barn Fire in Texas Township

If anything else is missing, please let me know. Thanks!

— Forwarded by Janet Pfundheller/R5/USEPA/US on 03/05/2009 08:23 AM —

PARTAP  
LALL/R5/USEPA/US

03/04/2009 01:24 PM

To Janet Pfundheller/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

cc

Subject Fw: Pole Barn Fire in Texas Township

Jan

I apologize , this is the email from the State that belongs in the AR for Texas Township and I think the two polreps were already sent to you. Please let me know if I am missing anything. Thanks

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Jeffrey Kimble/R5/USEPA/US

08/26/2008 09:26 PM

To "David O'Donnell" &lt;odonnell@michigan.gov&gt;

cc "Frank Ballo" <BALLOF@michigan.gov>, "Philip Schrantz"  
<SchrantzP@michigan.gov>, Mark  
Durno/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, PARTAP  
LALL/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject Re: Fwd: Pole Barn Fire in Texas Township

Dave,

P.C. (Partap) Lall is the OSC on duty for us right now and will be calling you to discuss this issue. I have informed him that I am willing to help him if need be. Thanks for the call and let me know if I can help you further, but PC should be (or already has) calling you.

PC, here is the e-mail for your records

Jeff Kimble, On-Scene Coordinator  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
9311 Groh Road  
Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138  
(734) 692-7688 office  
(734) 740-9013 cell  
(734) 692-7677 fax

"David O'Donnell" <odonnell@michigan.gov>



"David O'Donnell"  
<odonnell@michigan.gov>

08/26/2008 02:14 PM

To Jeffrey Kimble/R5/USEPA/US@EPA





cc "Frank Ballo" <BALLOF@michigan.gov>, "Philip Schrantz"  
<SchrantzP@michigan.gov>

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Here's the information we have at the moment. Mark DuCharme is on the property and we can conference him into the call. Mark says there are 400 some drums on site, mostly overpaks and he requested immediate assistance. You know Mark is not prone to overreaction.

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David O'Donnell, Supervisor  
Remediation & Redevelopment Division  
Kalamazoo District Office  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
7953 Adobe Rd, Kalamazoo 49009  
269-567-3525  
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>>> Frank Ballo 8/21/2008 10:36 AM >>>  
Just closing the loop with everyone...

----- Message from "Frank Ballo" <ballof@michigan.gov> on Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:24:05 -0400 -----

**To:** "Mark DuCharme" <DuCharmeM@michigan.gov>  
**cc:** "William Ford" <FordW2@michigan.gov>, "David O'Donnell"  
<OdonnellD@michigan.gov>, "Fred Sellers" <SELLERSF@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: PEAS incident 705-08

Mark, please enter in ERNIE and follow up. FYI, Paul indicated the contacting Texas Twp Fire contact is named "Jim" and his cell phone is 269-217-3986. Jim told him there were between 30 and 100 drums, the fire resulted in burning and exploding barrels, they fought the fire for ~6 hours, and Mr. Haugen wasn't cooperative and didn't provide a lot of information about the materials.

Bill and Fred, FYI...

>>> Paul Schleusener 8/21/2008 8:38 AM >>>  
Frank,

I also contacted Robert Alway of AQD to give them a "heads up" on fire incident I referred to you this morning.

Here is the information from the answering service on the incident.

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IN (\*FILED\*): 2008-08-20 05:03PM dms  
OUT (\*FILED\*): 2008-08-20 05:09PM \*INT pp  
AGENT(Press return): 20 AUG 2008 16:46  
Complainant Name and Company: TEXAS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT  
Address of Complainant: 7110 W. Q AVE  
City/State: KALAMAZOO, MI  
Complainant Phone: (269) 375-4610  
  
Person or Company Involved: DONALD HAUGEN



Person/Co Involved Address: 10135 W. O AVE KALAMAZOO, MI  
Location (address) of Incident: 10135 W. O AVE KALAMAZOO, MI  
  
City Problem is in: KALAMAZOO  
County Problem is in: KALAMAZOO  
Township Problem is in: TEXAS TOWNSHIP  
Description of Incident:  
BUILDING FIRE WITH MULTIPLE SUBSTANCES CONSUMED, VARIETY OF POLLUTANT

Type and Volume of Pollutant: MANY 55 GALLONS DRUMS (VARIETY)  
  
Date Incident Occurred: 8/19/2008  
Time Problem was Noticed: 11:00PM  
Body of Water Involved: NONE

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DEQ Web page <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>  
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----- Message from "Gregory Danneff" <danneffg@michigan.gov> on Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:27:20 -0400  
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**To:** "David O'Donnell" <OdonnellD@michigan.gov>  
**cc:** "Mary Douglas" <DOUGLASM@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pole Barn fire in Texas Township  
fyi - I let Deb know I would forward to you.

>>> "Deb Cardiff" <DACARD@kalcounty.com> 8/21/2008 7:31 AM >>>

Hello Greg,

I am on my out this morning, Thursday and won't be returning until tomorrow. Please see the attached information I recd. yesterday. Thought this was something that should be checked out by the DEQ? Let me know. I will be available all day tomorrow, Friday. Thanks.

Deb Cardiff, R.S.  
Environmental Health Director  
269-373-5347 Phone  
269-373-5333 Fax

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----- Message from "Jim Williams" <firemarshal@texastownship.org> on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 19:13:41 -0400 -----

**To:** <DACARD@kalcounty.com>

**Subject:** Pole Barn fire in Texas Township

Ms Cardiff,

late last evening into today the Texas Township Fire Department was dispatched to a reported grass fire along the north side of I-94. It was found that no fire existed on I-94, however a plume of smoke was visible north of I-94.

We further investigated and located a pole barn on fire behind 10127 West O. The barn is actually located on the property of 10135 West O Avenue. The barn was located a long distance from the road and was accessible to fire apparatus. We found that the barn contained may (at least 30) 55 gallon drums as well as countless glass jars of containing unknown liquids. The property owner stated that the containers held many different materials. He had listed off gasoline, diesel, solvents, paint thinners, methylketons?? etc.

No water was applied to this fire. The barrels continued to explode for several hours launching many at least 100 feet. There is no obvious water exposure. However I am concerned about potential seepage issues.

Our alarm number is 08-475. I have notified Paul of the of the event.

Jim Williams  
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal

(Temporary Acting Chief)

Texas Township Fire Department  
7110 West Q Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
269-375-1591 269-978-0721 (fax) 269-217-3986 (cell)  
[www.TexasTownship.org/fire](http://www.TexasTownship.org/fire)

*Please Keep Chief Mike Corfman in your thoughts and prayers while  
serving our country in the Persian Gulf*

*Properly Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives*

*Check out the Texas Twp. Fire Department Web site! See our firefighters  
in action! Photos! History! Fire Rigs! Information!*



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